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## **CAMPAIGN 2000: SON OF PROP. 187 WILL ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY FOR CALIF.'S NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> BALLOT.**

Editor's note: Despite all the problems it caused for Calif. Republican Party candidates in '96 and to a larger extent in '98, backers of the original **Prop. 187** will attempt to qualify another initiative along the same lines by banning benefits for illegal immigrants. Here's our update and analysis...

...The key proponents of 187 are the same for this new **constitutional amendment**: Ron Prince, Barbara Coe and State Sen. Richard Mountjoy(R-Arcadia). And the committee name is the same: *Save Our State Cmt.* The trio expects to turn in their request for title & summary to the AG after **Calpeek's** deadline...

...Needless to say, the SOS Committee was not at all pleased with the way CA Gov. Gray Davis(D) handled the legal challenge to 187. With the exception of the new laws regarding false IDs, 187 was gutted. This time around the initiative will force Calif. to **conform** to those portions of the Federal immigration laws which bans state and local government from providing benefits to **illegal immigrants**. However, if a state passes a bill to bypass this part of the immigration law, then the benefits could be provided. But the new SOS initiative **forbids the CA Legislature** from approving any such law. SOS sources say their advisory board, composed of federal/state judges, DAs and legal scholars, feels this new initiative will hold up in court...

...Politically, *Son of 187* could be extremely bad news for Republicans, not only in Calif., but in AZ, NM, CO, Florida, NJ, NY and Illinois – states with large numbers of Hispanic and new immigrant voters. And this could present a huge problem for the GOP presidential nominee. Prince and the SOS group have put Bush, Forbes, McCain & Co. in a tough position: if they oppose Son of 187, hardliners may jump ship. The best hope for

these GOP candidates is that Son of 187 doesn't qualify for the Nov. 7, 2000 ballot...

...In 1990, Latinos and Asians combined only represented 7% of the voters in Calif. And they voted **55/45** Demo. Today, Asians represent **4%** of Calif.'s voter pool, while Latinos represent **16%**. By 2000, the Calif. Latino vote will reach **20%**, while the Asian vote will be about **5%**. In raw numbers, this means what was a 60,000 vote Demo advantage in 1990 could be a 1.2 million edge in 2000. If Son of 187 makes the November 2000 ballot, our sources say new immigrant voters may be voting Demo by a margin of **85/15**...

...FYI: Prince, on his own, also is submitting a constitutional amendment called the *Initiative Rights Amendment*. If approved, it would require the governor to defend all ballot measures up to the U.S. Supreme Court and would allow proponents to participate in the legal case. Stay tuned...

## **CAMPAIGN 2000: WHITE HOUSE RACE IS MUDDLED BY BUCHANAN'S DEFECTION TO REFORM PARTY.**

Editor's note: It didn't come as shock that conservative pundit/former Nixon speechwriter and perennial presidential candidate Pat Buchanan is NO longer a member of the Republican Party. On Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> he switched to the **Reform Party**. Here's our analysis...

...The Buchanan defection to the RP raises a number of question. First, why did he switch? It's no secret that the GOP's *Ruling Elite* wanted a candidate who had a good shot at retaking the White House. Texas Gov. George W. Bush is the *Ruling Elite's* guy, as Elizabeth Dole discovered after bowing out of the race 10 days ago. Like former VP Dan Quayle and Lamar Alexander, Dole went to the dance, but no one signed her dance card. Put another way, the *Ruling Elite* is trying to clear the field for Bush by drying up all the

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money. It's a good tactic, but doesn't work on a self-funding candidate like Steve Forbes...

...Next, will Calif./GOP Buchanan supporters remain loyal to Pat? State Sen. Dick Mountjoy of Arcadia is Buchanan's Calif. presidential chair, although he told **Calpeek** that he'll have to resign that post because he intends to stay registered in the GOP. "In his heart and soul," says Mountjoy, "Pat's still a Republican. And a lot of people will be voting for him. He has a good message and the Reform Party gives him the platform." The message, says Mountjoy, is America First. In the voting booth, our guess is that Mountjoy remains a loyal Buchanan supporter...

...Who benefits the most from Buchanan's defection? RNC Chair Jim Nicholson probably stated the fears of many GOPers when he said, "3<sup>rd</sup> party candidates usually succeed in electing people they sets out to oppose." Buchanan's GOP base in Calif. is about 4-6%. If these GOPers stayed loyal to Buchanan, it could make a difference in terms of a Republican carrying Calif. As to which GOP candidate now becomes the *Darling of the Right*, our sources think Forbes has an edge over Gary Bauer. The best way to judge which way the conservative winds are blowing will be Nov. 12-14 when the CA Republican Assembly holds its presidential endorsement convention in Ontario. The CRA represents the hardline conservative wing of the GOP...

...How will the Reform Party greet Buchanan? Mixed reaction so far. Billionaire Donald Trump, who is exploring as an RP presidential candidate, called Buchanan "a Nazi lover." Among RP members, Buchanan leads Trump by a *2-to-1* margin and many RP state chairs attended Buchanan's announcement. The RP's highest ranking elected official, MN Gov. Jesse Ventura, can't stand Buchanan and is currently backing Trump. Currently is the key word...

...But here in Calif., **Calpeek** spoke with RP Nat'l Sec. Jim Mangia, who said he welcomed Buchanan into the party, but would **not** support Buchanan for the nomination unless "he denounces his social conservatism and moves beyond his right wing ideology." Not much chance of that happening, which is why a number of **Calpeek** sources think Buchanan's switch to the RP may be the worst thing that could have happened to this 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Stay tuned...

**CAMPAIGN '99: NEW POLL SHOWS BROWN HOLDING ON, BUT AMMIANO CLOSING ON JORDAN & REILLY.**

Editor's note: With the S.F. Muni election set for this Tuesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, a new poll in the S.F. Chron shows Mayor Willie Brown holding his own and very likely to make the Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> runoff. The big question is who will be Brown's opponent? Here's our final update...

...The new S.F. Chron poll (600, Oct. 19-23) shows Brown with **33%**, former Mayor Frank Jordan with **14%** and former political consultant turned real estate investor Clint Reilly at **11%**. And here's what's interesting. S.F. County Sup. Tom Ammiano announced 14 days ago that he'd be running as a *write-in candidate*. In the Chron poll, 85% are aware of Ammiano's write-in campaign and **11% volunteered** that they'd be voting for the supervisor. That means he's tied with Reilly and closing in on Jordan...

...There are two things that S.F. political insiders now agree upon: 1) Reilly's \$3.1 million campaign may in fact turn out to be a flop; and 2) the worst runoff scenario for Brown would be to face Ammiano. And in fact our sources say that gay political leaders who have endorsed Brown are concerned that gays in large numbers may shift to Ammiano in the final days of the primary. Ammiano already has a *dedicated gay base* of support. Other sources (non-gay) aren't sure this will happen, nothing that Brown has many friends in the gay & lesbian community. Another problem, probably more critical for Jordan than Brown, is that GOPers and conservatives from S.F.'s Westside may abandon Jordan for Ammiano - not because they like Ammiano or his philosophy - but to send a *screw you* message to Brown. Stay tuned...

**CAMPAIGN 2000: NEW POLL GIVES DIFI BIG LEAD.**

Editor's note: A new survey by pollster Mervin Field gives U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) a big lead over all of her GOP challengers. Here's our update...

...First, U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R-San Jose) has officially launched an exploratory campaign for the U.S. Senate. He did this Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. Campbell's announcement drew an immediate response from Scott Taylor, cmp. mgr. for San Diego Co. Sup. Bill Horn(R), who said, "Tom Campbell is not a moderate, pragmatic Republican. He is a liberal Republican. He is the Republican Party's Barbara Boxer without the attitude or name

ID..." Campbell is expected to formally declare in early December. He's put out RFPs to various GOP consultants, but no word on any hirings just yet...

...Now to the poll. It shows DiFi with 95% name ID, 58% favorable vs. 37% unfavorable. Among the GOP challengers, Campbell's name ID is 29%; hi-tech businessman Ron Unz is at 28%; Horn's ID is at 14%; State Sen. Ray Haynes of Riverside has ID of 10%; and financial exec. J.P. Gough has ID of 7%...

...In an open primary, here's how all the candidates do: Difi 55%; Campbell 11%; Unz 6%; Horn 2%; Haynes 1%; Gough 1%; and undecided 24%. What's really interesting is that DiFi is pulling 19% of the GOP vote and 55% of others (other parties)...

...In 1-on-1 matches, DiFi pulls 55% against Campbell (30%) and 59% against all the others...

...FYI: Both Campbell and Unz have met with Calif.'s GOP House delegation. Unz met with them on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and our sources say their response to him was somewhat "chilly." Probably there is some holdover bitterness over who had the best plan to take reapportionment away from Gov. Davis and the Demo controlled CA Legislature. Overall, our sources think Campbell will get a majority of his colleagues to support him, although certainly not all. The hardliners may have a tough time with Campbell's anti-gun, pro-choice positions. Stay tuned...

#### **CAMPAIGN 2000: CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE UPDATE.**

Editor's note: Here's another update about some of the initiatives facing Calif. voters in 2000...

◆ ***Measures on the March Ballot*** – Last week we were up to 17 measures & initiatives. This week we're at 19 because a statute initiative titled ***Elections. Term Limits Declarations for Congressional Candidates*** has now been added to the Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> primary ballot. Some months ago this measure *failed to qualify* for the ballot, but proponent Sally Reed Impastato of *Californians for a Citizen Congress* asked various county election officials to review some of the petitions. The review has resulted in this measure qualifying...

...If approved, it permits candidates for the U.S. House and Senate to sign a non-binding declaration of intent

not to serve any more than 3 terms in the House and 2 terms in the U.S. Senate. Or the candidates can declare that they won't limit their terms. Impastato can be reached at (310)458-1405...

...ALSO on the Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> ballot will be an initiative to Repeal Prop. 10 from '98. The pro-tobacco forces fell 559 signatures short of qualifying via the random sample method, but Fresno Co. recounted and the repeal has qualified – just making the 110% required...

● ***Update on 1237/1309 Referendums*** – Petition circulators are on the street collecting names on two(2) referendums to overturn bills restoring ***3<sup>rd</sup> party bad faith lawsuits*** against insurance companies. In addition to the street campaign, insurance companies who want to repeal SB 1237 and AB 1309 are on tv in the Sacto and Central Valley areas. The exact title and summary of both referendums is as follows: for SB 1237 ***Referendum Petitions to Overturn "The Fair Insurance Responsibility Act."*** And for AB 1309 ***Referendum Petitions to Overturn Amendments to "The Fair Insurance Responsibility Act."*** Those titles seems very friendly to the Consumer Attorneys of Calif. (aka the trial lawyers), who sponsored SB 1237. But then again you have to remember where Calif. AG Bill Lockyer(D) is coming from. A big trial lawyer fan. Question: what happens if both repeal efforts qualify for March, but only AB 1309 is overturned? Answer: insurance companies get screwed, big time, because AB 1309 moderates the impact of SB 1237. FYI: Trial lawyers and consumer groups who support SB 1237 and AB 1309 will go by the name of Consumers and Their Attorneys to Approve the Insurance Reforms Signed by the Governor. Stay tuned...

***CALPEEK ALREADY AT WORK ON FINAL ISSUE OF '99***  
Our last issue of '99 will be dated Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. It will of course contain our ***Who's Hot & Who's Not*** column, as well as the top political stories of '99 and the top political stories of the last 10 years – from 1989 to 1999. We're also looking for ***Predictions*** for the New Year. Officially, the new decade, century and millennium doesn't start until Jan. 1, 2001. All that stuff about the New Millennium – well, that's all Madison Avenue hype and Calpeek got sucked into it like lots of other folks. So send us your suggestions on these topics: FAX (310)657-4340 or email:calpeek@aol.com...



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**CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.**

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ **Guv's Staff Plays Musical Chairs** – Lynn Schenk moves up to be the sole COS to Gov. Gray Davis, as Vincent Hall of San Diego is leaving to head a start-up hi-tech firm. Hall was Davis' *staff director*, while Schenk was Davis' *chief aide* and *sr. counselor*. Also moving up is Cabinet Sec. Susan Kennedy – to deputy COS for policy & cabinet affairs. And Michael Yamaki is moving from sr. advisor to Appointments Sec., replacing Dario Frommer, who is running for the open 43<sup>rd</sup> AD in the Pasadena/Glendale/Burbank area...

■ **Term Limits Law Upheld, Again** – A Sacto Co. judge has again upheld CA's *Term Limit Law*, saying that State Sen. Richard Mountjoy(R-Arcadia) could not seek another term in 2000. Mountjoy was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Frank Hill. He was elected when more than half the unexpired term was still remaining, but didn't take office until less than half the term was left. An unusual situation, but the judge sided with SOS Bill Jones(R) and the law...

■ **Bernie Richter Dies** – The former Assemblyman from Chico died suddenly on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> of a heart attack. He was 68 and at the time of his death was involved in a very bitter primary battle for the open 1<sup>st</sup> SD against current Assemblyman Rico Oller. Now we'll never know who would have won this battle, which would have been one of the nastiest GOP primaries – ever. The Chico lawmaker was elected to the Assembly in '92 and was termed out in '98. He was colorful, conservative and a maverick – a former Demo turned Goper. He'll be missed by his many friends. R.I.P...

■ **Davis' Approval Rating** – A new survey by pollster Mervin Field (Oct. 8-17, 688 registered voters) shows Gov. Gray Davis's approval rating at 56%. In August the governor's approval rating was slightly higher at 61%...

**CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.**

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Former CA Supreme Court Justice Raymond L. Sullivan died recently. He was 92. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by Gov. Pat Brown in 1966. R.I.P...

● Another sad note: Jane Small, 69, who was the former chair of the L.A. Co. Comm. on Disabilities, died Oct. 15. She was a longtime civil rights and Demo Party activist. R.I.P...

● Former CA Gov. Pete Wilson has been named managing director of Pacific Capital Corp. in Beverly Hills...

● Gov. Davis has appointed Richard H. Lieb, 42, of Solano Beach to be a member of the CA Community College Board of Governors. Lieb is a VP of legislative affairs with Lockheed Martin...

● Longtime FPPC Exec. Director Robert Tribe will step down from this post after the March 2000 primary. He has been with the FPPC since 1975...

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